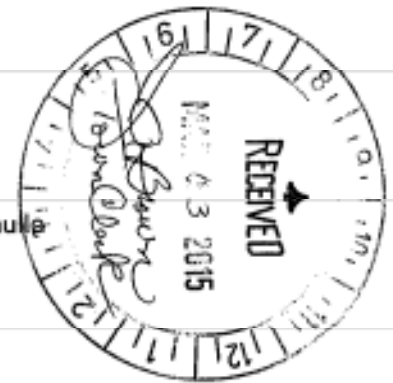


Freetown Conservation Commission
Minutes of the Monday, February 23, 2015 Meeting
Town Hall, 3 North Main Street, Assonet, Mass.



Present: Keven Desmarais, Janine Robidoux, Charles Sullivan, and Maria Ternullo

Absent: Christopher Mather (and two vacancies)

Call to order: Keven Desmarais called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

Minutes of Previous Meeting

The minutes of February 12th were received. A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Robidoux, to accept the minutes as read. The motion carried unanimously.

Continued Public Hearing – Notice of Intent – 19 Cliff Drive, Assonet

Mr. Desmarais reported that the applicant had contacted the office earlier in the day requesting information on her hearing. Until that time, she was unaware that she had been on the last several agendas. She stated she had the information necessary to move forward and could attend the next meeting

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Ternullo, to continue to hearing to March 2nd. The motion carried unanimously.

Notice of Intent – 0 East Howland Road ("Edminster" Lot 3), East Freetown

A motion was made by Mrs. Robidoux, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to waive reading the public hearing notice. The motion carried unanimously.

Kory Medeiros of SITEC Engineering approached the board on behalf of the property owner, C. L. Properties. He reviewed the plans for the lot, noting the location of the well to the rear of the property. Mr. Desmarais asked if there would be any material movement on the site, and Mr. Medeiros stated there would be some grading to the rear of the home but nothing substantial. There were no additional questions or concerns.

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Robidoux, to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Robidoux, to approve the plans as submitted. The motion carried unanimously.

Notice of Intent – 0 East Howland Road ("Edminster" Lot 4), East Freetown

A motion was made by Mrs. Robidoux, seconded by Mr. Sullivan, to waive reading the public hearing notice. The motion carried unanimously.

Kory Medeiros of SITEC Engineering approached the board on behalf of the property owner, Sandra Furze. He reviewed the plans for the lot, including the location of the proposed three-bedroom dwelling. He stated there would be a small amount of grading to the rear of the home as with the last lot. Mr. Desmarais felt the work proposed was closer to the wetlands than on Lot 3. It was also noted that the plans showed a shed or outbuilding that seemed closer to the wetlands. Mr. Medeiros discussed the way that everything on the lot was arranged, and the limited space available. A suggestion was made that a simple fence be put to prevent encroachment on the wetland area. Mr. Medeiros did not object. Explanation was given that the fence would hopefully prevent the homeowners from mowing or disposing of yard waste in the area. Mr. Medeiros asked where specifically the fencing was being requested, and Mr. Desmarais suggested from point A78 on the plan to either point A76 or A75. Further discussion was held, and the suggestion was amended to be approximately 8 feet prior to A78, extended reasonably straight to A75.

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Robidoux, to close the public hearing. The motion carried unanimously. A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Robidoux, to approve the plans with the added condition of installing a fence from a point eight feet prior to point A78 on the plan extending reasonable straight to point A75. The motion carried unanimously.

Request for Determination of Applicability – 18 Marie’s Way, East Freetown

Property owner, Al Endriunas, was present and presented the plans for this proposal. He stated all work would be outside the fifty-foot buffer zone. He stated there would be some grading, as the lot is presently like a knoll looking out over the railroad.

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Robidoux, to issue a negative determination #3. The motion carried unanimously.

Request for Determination of Applicability – 20 Marie’s Way, East Freetown

Mr. Endriunas next presented the plans for this proposal. Members questioned the distance of the septic system from the proposed dwelling. Mr. Endriunas stated the septic was placed where it could be on the lot, where soils were best, and would be gravity-driven.

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Ternullo, to issue a negative determination #3. The motion carried unanimously.

Request for Determination of Applicability – 25 Bullock Road, East Freetown

Engineer Nyles Zager approached the board to present plans for a new septic system at FFD Station 3. The property has an inadequate system with leaching pits left over from the property’s prior use as a convenience store. The location of the well, near the northeast corner of the apparatus bays, limits the possibilities of placing the septic on the east side of the property. The major use of the system is for laundering after emergencies, and the existing system is no longer adequate for this use.

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Ternullo, to issue a negative determination #3. The motion carried unanimously.

Payment of Bills

A motion was made by Mr. Sullivan, seconded by Mrs. Ternullo, to pay outstanding bills. The motion carried unanimously.

Site Visits

No site visits were scheduled.

Meeting Adjourned

A motion was made by Mrs. Robidoux, seconded by Mrs. Ternullo, to adjourn at 8:28 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

This is a True Record by me.

Attest: Michael T. McCue
Michael T. McCue, Senior Clerk